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1. THERE WAS CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ELECTION EVE TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN SAIGON METROPOLITAN AREA WITH AT LEAST 12 INCIDENTS OF GRENADES BEING DETONATED AT OR NEAR POLLING PLACES DURING 24 HOUR PERIOD BEFORE OPENING OF POLLS. HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO SENSATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS OF KIND WHICH MIGHT DISCOURAGE PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM POLLS IN LARGE NUMBERS.

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2. COUNTRYWIDE, LEVEL OF VC HARASSMENT AND TERROR REMAINED FAIRLY HIGH SEPTEMBER 10 AND INFO MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 11. BASED ON EARLY REPORTS, AT LEAST 6 DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS RECEIVED HARRASSING FIRE DURING 24 HOUR PERIOD, AND CA HAU, CAPITAL OF AN XUYEN, RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE IN EARLY HOURS OF SEPTEMBER 11.

3. AS OF 1200 LOCAL WE HAVE A FEW REPORTS OF VC ATTEMPTS TO OBSTRUCT MOVEMENT OF VOTERS TO POLLS. REPORTS COME FROM THU DUC DISTRICT OF GIA DINH PROVINCE, WHERE ESTIMATED VC COMPANY ATTEMPTING TO INTERDICT VOTERS IS IN LIGHT CONTACT WITH 1 RF AND 1 PF COMPANY; SON HA DISTRICT OF QUANG NGAI WHERE VC HAVE ALLEGEDLY TAKEN LANDING STRIP AND FRIENDLY AIRSTRIKE HAS BEEN CALLED IN; TIEN PHUOC DISTRICT OF QUANG TIN, WHERE VC REPORTEDLY OBSTRUCTING VOTERS (NO DETAILS AVAILABLE); VILLAGE IN PHUONG HIEP DISTRICT OF PHONG DINH PROVINCE WHERE VC HIT POLLING PLACE WITH 60-MM. MORTAR FIRE AT 0730; VILLAGE IN VINH CHAU DISTRICT OF BAC LIEU PROVENCE WHERE ESTIMATED VC PLATOON ATTACKED BUT WAS DRIVEN OFF AND WHERE VOTERS RETURNED TO POLLS AFTER THE BRIEF FIRE-FIGHT HAD ENDED.
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